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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

This paper is being filed to advise the U.S. Patent Office of information which may be considered "material to patentability" in examining this patent application, in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

The Office Action of June 3, 2008, issued in connection with the above-identified U.S. Patent Application, cites a U.S. Patent, No. 6,155,827, which is commonly owned with the present

U.S. Patent Application. The following documents are being brought to the attention of the U.S. Patent Office because they were cited during the examination of U.S. Patent No. 6,155,827.

U.S. Patents

- 5,730,595 (Bailey) - Issued: March 24, 1998
5,120,220 (Butler) - Issued: June 9, 1992
5,040,978 (Falcon et al.) - Issued: August 20, 1991
5,007,832 (Meller et al.) - Issued: April 16, 1991
4,564,354 (Rosenstatter) - Issued: January 14, 1986
4,486,175 (Fisher et al.) - Issued: December 4, 1984
4,478,578 (Leonard) - Issued: October 23, 1984
4,451,237 (Filhol) - Issued: May 29, 1984
4,449,932 (Lustig) - Issued: May 22, 1984
4,285,671 (Lustig et al.) - Issued: August 25, 1981
4,021,920 (Kirschner et al.) - Issued: May 10, 1977
4,014,099 (Bailey) - Issued: March 29, 1977
3,751,176 (Von Hollen) - Issued: August 7, 1973
3,472,045 (Nelsen et al.) - Issued: October 14, 1969
3,368,279 (Weissman) - Issued: February 13, 1968
3,163,934 (Wiseman) - Issued: January 5, 1965
2,813,337 (Uhler) - Issued: November 19, 1957
2,568,315 (Björklund) - Issued: September 18, 1951
2,344,605 (Droegkamp) - Issued: March 21, 1944
2,005,849 (Skinner) - Issued: July 25, 1935

1,875,559 (Brumm) - Issued: September 6, 1932

1,688,136 (Chayes et al.) - Issued: October 16, 1928

Foreign Documents

FR 2,692,473 (Micro Mega, S.A.) -

- Published: December 24, 1993

GB 587,856 (Sodeco Société des Compteurs de Genève) -

- Published: May 7, 1947

Copies of the identified foreign documents have been enclosed with this Information Disclosure Statement. Copies of the listed U.S. patent documents have not been enclosed with this Information Disclosure Statement in view of the elimination of this requirement from 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2) (See, Section 609.04(a), Part II(D) of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure).

To provide a concise explanation of the relevance of non-English language documents, FR 2,692,473 is cited in the specification of U.S. Patent No. 6,155,827, and discloses a contra-angle having a disposable head.

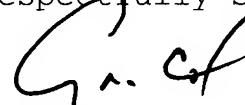
Due consideration of the foregoing documents is respectfully requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a)(2). It is further respectfully requested that the Examiner acknowledge consideration of the above-listed documents by initialing the PTO-1449 forms (2) which are enclosed with this Information

Disclosure Statement and which list the foregoing documents, and provide applicants with initialed copies of the enclosed PTO-1449 forms to confirm consideration of the listed documents.

Because this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing of a final action, a notice of allowance or an action that otherwise closes prosecution of the present U.S. Patent Application, this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c). The fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) is submitted herewith.

Corresponding action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,


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